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SUBJECT: LIBERIAN FOREIGN MINISTER DISCUSSES NACC FOREIGN
MINISTERS' CONFERENCE, NEW DELHI

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1. FONMIN DENNIS SHARED WITH ME HIS VIEWS SUBJECT MEETING
APRIL 21. BASICALLY HE SAID THAT THE TENOR OF THE MEETING AND
THE FINAL DOCUMENTS WERE MORE MODERATE THAN IN PAST NON-ALIGNED
MEETINGS. HE SAID AMONG REASONS FOR THE CHANGE, PARTICULARLY
WITH REGARD TO MATTERS OF INTEREST TO USG, ARE CHANGED AMERICAN
ATTITUDES ON GLOBAL ISSUES. (HE CITED CAMBODIA AND VIETNAM.)
HE ALSO CITED PRESIDENT CARTER'S CONCERN WITH HUMAN RIGHTS, THE
DIGNITY OF MAN AND THE HUMAN FAMILY AS CONTRIBUTING TO THE CHANGE.
IN ADDITION, HE SAID USUN AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S STATEMENTS AND
POSITIONS ON AFRICAN AND OTHER THIRD WORLD ISSUES HAVE IMPROVED
THE U.S. IMAGE AS WELL AS SUCH EVENTS AS CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATIONS
TO CUBA AND IMPROVED RELATIONS WITH SOMALIA.

2. ADDRESSING SPECIFICS, HE CONFIRMED SIX OF THE 25 MEMBERS
OF THE COORDINATING BUREAU OF NACC OPPOSED THE PLO-SPONSORED
REFERENCE TO PUERTO RICO IN THE ECONOMIC RESERVATION PROGRAM
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(REFTTEL). HE SAID JAMAICA WAS SURPRISINGLY VOCAL IN ITS
OBJECTION. HE ADDED THAT EVEN SOME LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES
THAT HAD NOT SPOKEN AGAINST THE PLO ACTION APPROACHED HIM
PRIVATELY IN THE CORRIDORS TO COMPLAIN THAT THE PLO ACTION
EMBARRASSED THEM (HE MENTIONED SPECIFICALLY REPRESENTATIVE FROM
GUYANA).

3. AS FOR LIBERIA, DENNIS PROVIDED ME WITH A COPY OF HIS LETTER TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE CONFIRMING HIS GOVERNMENT'S OWN RESERVATIONS ON THE INCLUSION OF PUERTO RICO. THE OPERATIVE SECTION OF HIS LETTER STATES THAT THE NACC DOCUMENT "SEEMS TO EQUATE THE LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE OF THE OPPRESSED PEOPLES OF NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE, SOUTH AFRICA WITH THE ISSUE OF PUERTO RICO ... THE LIBERIAN GOVERNMENT DOES NOT NOW SO VIEW THE ISSUE OF PUERTO RICO AS TO THE STATEMENT 'THAT THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM FOR DEVELOPMENT SHOULD INCLUDE STEPS IN SUPPORT OF THE HEROIC STRUGGLE OF THE PEOPLE OF...(PR)". FULL TEXT OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO AF/W.

4. ON TWO OTHER ISSUES OF INTEREST TO THE USG--KOREA AND PANAMA--DENNIS SAID THAT HE HAD NOT ENTERED RESERVATIONS AT NEW DELHI BECAUSE THE NEW DELHI TREATMENT OF THESE ISSUES WAS LESS POLEMIC THAN IN THE PAST. HE SAID THAT IN PARTICULAR THE PANAMA SITUATION SEEMED BETTER TO HIM AND HIS COLLEAGUES. CARTER

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